

**REMARKS**

This application is presently on appeal. This amendment cancels claims 12-17, 25, 27 & 28 and adds the missing article "a" to claim 1. This amendment may be entered as it narrows the issues which will be considered in the soon-to-be-filed Appeal Brief and since the amendment to claim 1 in no way affects its scope.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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